



RETZER NATURE CENTER

WAUKESHA COUNTY PARKS & LAND USE
S14 W28167 MADISON STREET
WAUKESHA, WI 53188

Return Service Requested

Nature Center Hours:

Sunday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Same location, new entrance off of Madison Street

For more information – call (262) 548-7801

YOUR SUMMER NATURE CONNECTION PROGRAM GUIDE

June - August 2006 *At A Glance*

June	Volunteer Teacher Naturalist Training	July 5 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club	August	Volunteer Teacher Naturalist Training
June 2,9,16,23,30 <i>Fridays</i>	Morning Bird Hikes	July 8 <i>Saturday</i>	Family Fun “Don’t Bug Me”	August 2 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club
June 7 <i>Wednesday</i>	Camera Club	July 10-14 <i>Monday-Friday</i>	Summer Camp Jr. Counselor Program	August 7-11 <i>Monday-Friday</i>	Summer Camp Jr. Counselor Program
June 8 <i>Thursday</i>	Introduction to Fly Fishing	July 11-14 <i>Tuesday-Friday</i>	Summer Camp Ages 7-9	August 8-11 <i>Tuesday-Friday</i>	Summer Camp Ages 7-9
June 10 & 17 <i>Saturdays</i>	ID & Ecology of SE WI Trees	July 15 <i>Saturday</i>	Introduction to Nature Photography Workshop Pt. 1	August 12 <i>Saturday</i>	Family Fun “Family Trail Rally”
June 10 <i>Saturday</i>	Family Fun “Wade through a Wetland”	July 19 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts “Do Dragons Fly?”	August 16 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts “Me and My Senses”
June 21 <i>Wednesday</i>	Nature Sprouts “Mud ‘n Bugs!”	July 20 <i>Thursday</i>	Outdoor Discovery “Do Dragons Fly?”	August 17 <i>Thursday</i>	Outdoor Discovery “Can You Taste a Smell?”
June 22 <i>Thursday</i>	Outdoor Discovery “Creepy Crawly Creatures”	July 24 <i>Monday</i>	Introduction to Nature Photography Workshop Pt. 2	August 21-25 <i>Monday-Friday</i>	Summer Camp Jr. Counselor Program
July	Volunteer Teacher Naturalist Training	July 24-28 <i>Monday-Friday</i>	Summer Camp Jr. Counselor Program	August 22-25 <i>Tuesday-Friday</i>	Summer Camp Ages 10-12
		July 25-28 <i>Tuesday-Friday</i>	Summer Camp Ages 10-12	August 26 <i>Saturday</i>	Fall Native Plant Sale at Retzer

June

VOLUNTEER TEACHER NATURALIST TRAINING

This apprenticeship program is for adults interested in volunteering to lead hikes for school groups that come to Retzer Nature Center. Topics will include: general interpretation of the Wisconsin landscape (especially the plants, animals, and ecology of Retzer Nature Center); environmental education activities (and equipment) used at Retzer; and strategies and tactics for outdoor teaching of school children. Training will include assisting with scheduled programs. There is no registration deadline; we welcome new volunteers anytime of the year. Call Retzer Nature Center, (262) 896-8007 to sign up or for additional information.

MORNING BIRD HIKES

Adults & families with older children

Enjoy the early morning and the return of our feathered friends. Explore their habitat, welcome back the spring migrants, and check on the year 'round residents. Don't forget your binoculars. Binoculars are available at Retzer on a limited basis.

DATES: Fridays: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.
FEE: \$1.00 per person

RETZER NATURE CENTER CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club meets monthly, with instructional programs, sharing/critique of members' photographs, discussion of equipment and technique, and opportunities for taking photographs at Retzer Nature Center and other nature areas.

DATE: Wednesday, June 7
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO FLY FISHING

Adult Program

Are you a Fly Fisher, or have you always wanted to be? Now's your chance! Join renowned fly-fishing guide and instructor, Pat Ehlers, for an introduction to the wonderful sport of fly-fishing including hands-on practice in the art of fly-casting! The program will include a two-hour hands-on demonstration and practice session, with all equipment provided. Small groups will allow individual attention and top quality instruction. This will be followed by an indoor media presentation of, An Introduction to Fly Fishing. Included in this workshop is a copy of *The Essence of Fly Casting* by Mel Krieger. This workshop is open to 15 participants.

DATE: Thursday, June 8
TIME: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
FEE: \$50.00 per person
REGISTER BY: June 2

IDENTIFICATION & ECOLOGY OF SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN TREES

Adult Program

This two-session mini-course will cover identification, basic biology and ecology of SE Wisconsin trees. Forest succession and other topics in forest ecology will also be covered. An introduction to scientific methods and techniques used to study forests will be included.

DATE: Saturday, June 10 - Minooka Park,
Meet by Group Camp Site and
Saturday, June 17 - Muskego Park,
Meet by Picnic Area 3
TIME: 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
FEE: \$15.00, plus park entrance fee
REGISTER BY: June 5

FAMILY FUN

Family Program

"Wade through a Wetland." Join our Education Naturalist as she takes you on an adventure to the Brown's Fen. This unique fen wetland offers the visitor a distinctive panorama of diverse plant and animal interactions. Observation equipment will be available for participants to use.

DATE: Saturday, June 10
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - Noon
FEE: \$2.50 per person
REGISTER BY: June 5

NATURE SPROUTS

Ages: 4-6

"Mud 'n Bugs!" We have the most delicious recipe for "MUD." No wonder bugs and slugs and worms love to live in the ground. How about taking a look at the creatures that live "down under." We can discover what's in the soil that makes it a home-sweet-home. The story "Diary of a Worm" should give us some helpful hints! Finally, we'll feast on our homemade Mud 'n Bugs treat! Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

DATE: Wednesday, June 21
TIME: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
FEE: \$3.00
REGISTER BY: June 19

OUTDOOR DISCOVERY

Ages: 7-12

"Creepy Crawly Creatures." Come with a naturalist and explore the world of insects that live in the dirt and debris of the forest floor. As you discover these amazing bugs, you will collect a few to build your own microhabitat to enjoy at home. A craft and snack will complement the program.

DATE: Thursday, June 22
TIME: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
FEE: \$4.50 per child
REGISTER BY: June 20

July

Volunteer Teacher Naturalist Training

We welcome Volunteers anytime of the year!

(See June listing for description and details).

RETZER NATURE CENTER CAMERA CLUB

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DATE: Wednesday, July 5
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

FAMILY FUN

Family Program

"Don't Bug Me." Don't let these pint-sized creatures bother you as you discover what makes them tick. Join the Retzer naturalists as they lead you on an adventure into the world of insects. A short introduction on the life of an insect will precede a hike out onto the land to catch a few of these bugs. Learn how to identify and mount your collection into a display to show off these "creepy" critters.

DATE: Saturday, July 8
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - Noon
FEE: \$2.50 per person
REGISTER BY: July 3

SUMMER CAMP JR. COUNSELOR PROGRAM

Ages 13 +

Become a Junior Counselor and assist with children's programming during Retzer Summer Camp 4 days each week. Monday will be set aside for training and getting to know the other counselors. Bring water and a lunch. Junior Counselor Programs are also available in August.

DATES: Monday - Friday
July 10 - 14 or July 24 - 28
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$60.00 per week of camp
REGISTER BY: July 5 and July 19

SUMMER CAMP CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Ages Listed Below

"Wildlife Around Us." We will explore a different habitat each day and learn about the animals and plants that make their home there. Habitats include: pond/stream (aquatic life), forest (birds), prairie (insects) and fen (wildlife). Through interactive activities and in the field discoveries, children will develop an understanding of the connection between the plants and animals in each habitat. Games, activities, crafts, and snack will be provided daily. Bring water and a lunch. Programs are available in July and August.

DATE: Tuesday - Friday
July 11 - 14, Ages 7 - 9
July 25 - 28, Ages 10 - 12
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$120.00 per week of camp
REGISTER BY: July 5 and July 19

INTRODUCTION TO NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Ages: 16 to Adult

Join Rick Vollbrecht, coordinator of Retzer Camera Club, in this 2-session workshop designed to help novice photographers learn techniques to improve their nature photographs. Participants should have a basic understanding of how their camera works. Cameras, film and/or digital media and camera manuals should be brought to all sessions. A tripod is encouraged, but not required. The Part 1 session will include 2 hours of classroom instruction followed by a 2-hour field shooting exercise. Part 2 is a 2-hour follow up session to review the participant's photos and address any questions.

DATES/TIMES: Saturday, July 15 at 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Part 1
Monday, July 24 at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Part 2
FEE: \$20.00 includes both sessions
REGISTER BY: July 10

NATURE SPROUTS

Ages: 4-6

"Do Dragons Fly?" Come along on an adventure into the world of dragonflies. Join a naturalist on a visit to the local dragonfly hang out. Learn about the changes the dragonfly morphs through before emerging from the water. We will also read from the book "A Dragon in the Sky." A craft and snack will complement the program. Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

DATE: Wednesday, July 19
TIME: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
FEE: \$3.00
REGISTER BY: July 17

OUTDOOR DISCOVERY

Ages: 7-12

"Do Dragons Fly?" Come along on an adventure into the world of dragonflies. Join a naturalist on a visit to the local dragonfly hang out. Learn about the changes the dragonfly morphs through before emerging from the water. A craft and snack will complement the program.

DATE: Thursday, July 20
TIME: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
FEE: \$4.50 per child
REGISTER BY: July 18



August

Volunteer Teacher Naturalist Training
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RETZER NATURE CENTER CAMERA CLUB

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DATE: Wednesday, August 2
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

SUMMER CAMP JR. COUNSELOR PROGRAM

Ages 13 +

Become a Junior Counselor and assist with children's programming during Retzer Summer Camp 4 days each week. Monday will be set aside for training and getting to know the other counselors. Bring water and a lunch.

DATES: Monday - Friday
August 7 - 11 or August 21 - 25
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$60.00 per week of camp
REGISTER BY: August 2 and August 16

SUMMER CAMP CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Ages Listed Below

"Outdoor Survival." This camp is designed to challenge the camper with basic skills in orienteering, animal tracks and their signs, plant identification, and wilderness survival. Each day a new challenge will be presented in the camp and basic information will be given as the campers venture onto the nature center lands to practice and test their survival skills with the day's challenge puzzle. Hands on activities, survival problem puzzles, hiking and snacks will be provided daily. Bring water and a lunch.

DATE: Tuesday - Friday
August 8 - 11, Ages 7 - 9
August 22 - 25, Ages 10 - 12
TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
FEE: \$120.00 per week of camp
REGISTER BY: August 2 and August 16

FAMILY FUN

Family Program

"Family Trail Rally." Try your hand at using clues and a compass to navigate around the trails in search of hidden wonders that can be found at the Nature Center. A naturalist will be on hand to assist you in working out clues and provide interpretation of stops along the trails. Don't miss out on searching the trails and discovering the treasures that await you here at the nature center.

DATE: Saturday, August 12

TIME: 10:00 a.m. - Noon

FEE: \$2.50 per person

REGISTER BY: August 7

NATURE SPROUTS

Ages: 4-6

"Me and My Senses." Take a journey with your 5 senses. We'll discover how we use sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste to explore our world. We will read some "sensory stories," and also create a sensory snack and craft. Participants must be accompanied by an adult.

DATE: Wednesday, August 16

TIME: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

FEE: \$3.00

REGISTER BY: August 14

OUTDOOR DISCOVERY

Ages: 7-12

"Can You Taste a Smell?" Take a journey with your 5 senses as we discover how we use sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste to explore the world around us. We will read a selection of sensory books as we navigate each of our senses. An interactive snack and craft will be provided for sensory exploration.

DATE: Thursday, August 17

TIME: 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

FEE: \$4.50

REGISTER BY: August 15

FALL NATIVE PLANT SALE

Would you like to get a jump on spring planting? Do you wonder if native plants can flower into October? Our late bloomers will be available at about 15% off regular prices. The "Plant Doctor" will be on hand for brief consultation on natural landscaping and plant identification (bring sample).

Sales Manager: Mike Bourquin

DATE: Saturday, August 26

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

COMING SOON

Apple Harvest Festival Saturday, Sept. 23

FRIENDS OF RETZER PHOTO CONTEST NOVEMBER 2006

Start taking pictures of Retzer for entering
in the contest!!

Just Arrived!

A NEW SHIPMENT OF COMPOST BINS

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

**SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF RETZER
IN THIS FUNDRAISER.**

\$68.00

Assembly instructions included.

June - August 2006

Retzer Nature Center Programs

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Fee Enclosed \$ _____

Checks payable to Retzer Nature Center -
Master Card and Visa accepted.

Please enroll me in the following class(s):

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Mail form and fee(s) to:

Retzer Nature Center Programs

Attn: Ronda

1320 Pewaukee Road, Room 230

Waukesha, WI 53188

Questions: (262) 548-7801

Some workshops fill up quickly, please call to verify openings
for a workshop you want to enroll in.